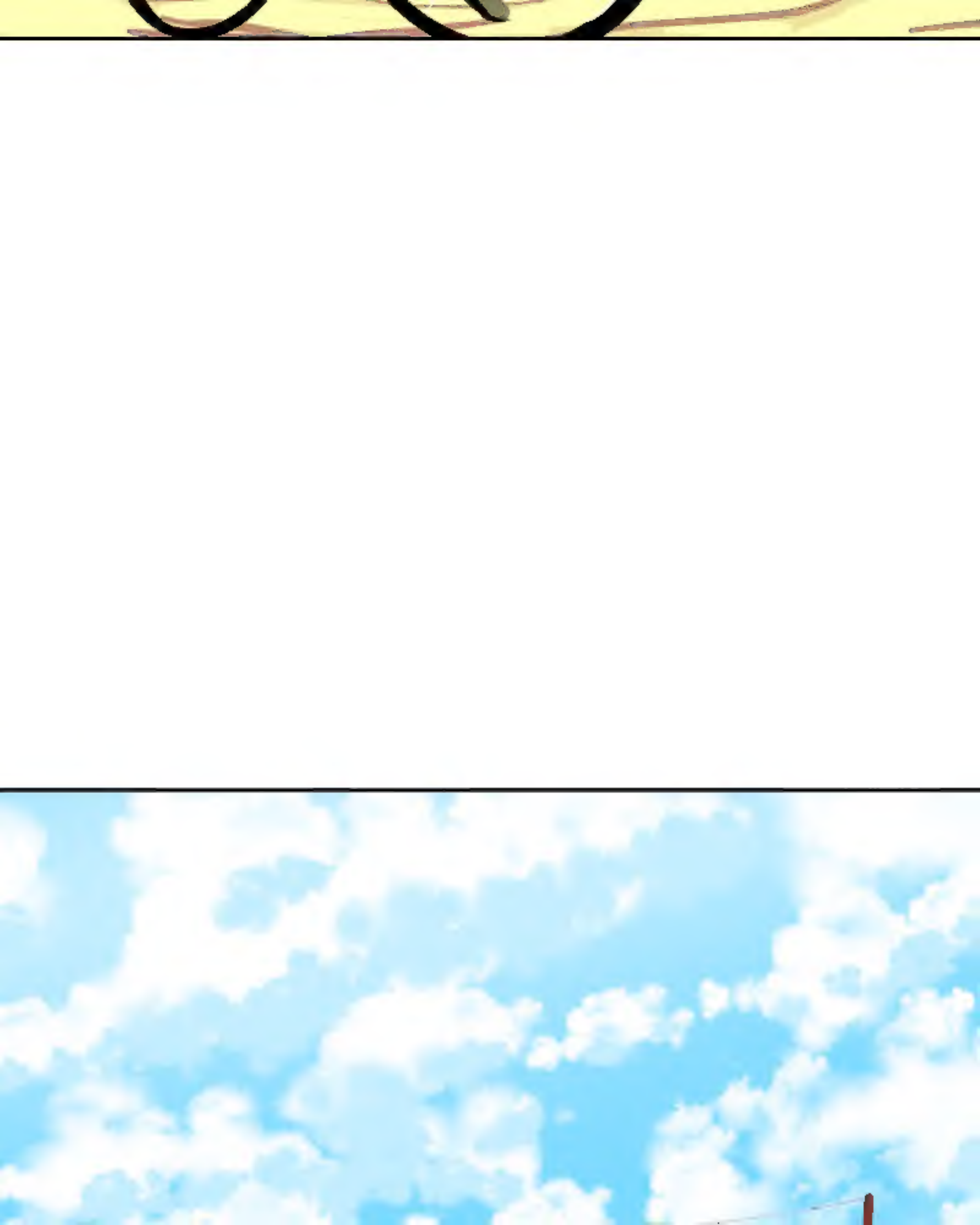
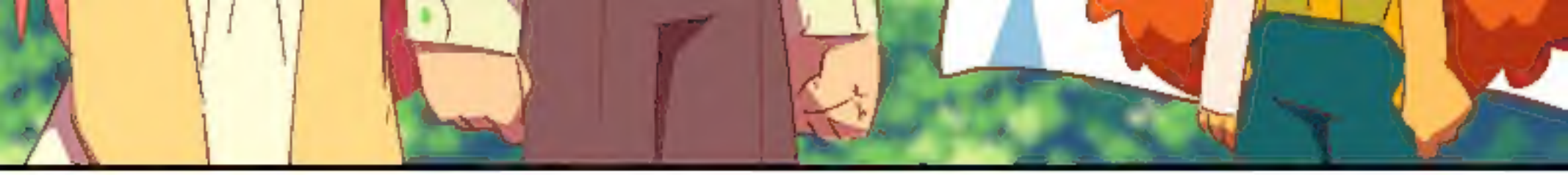
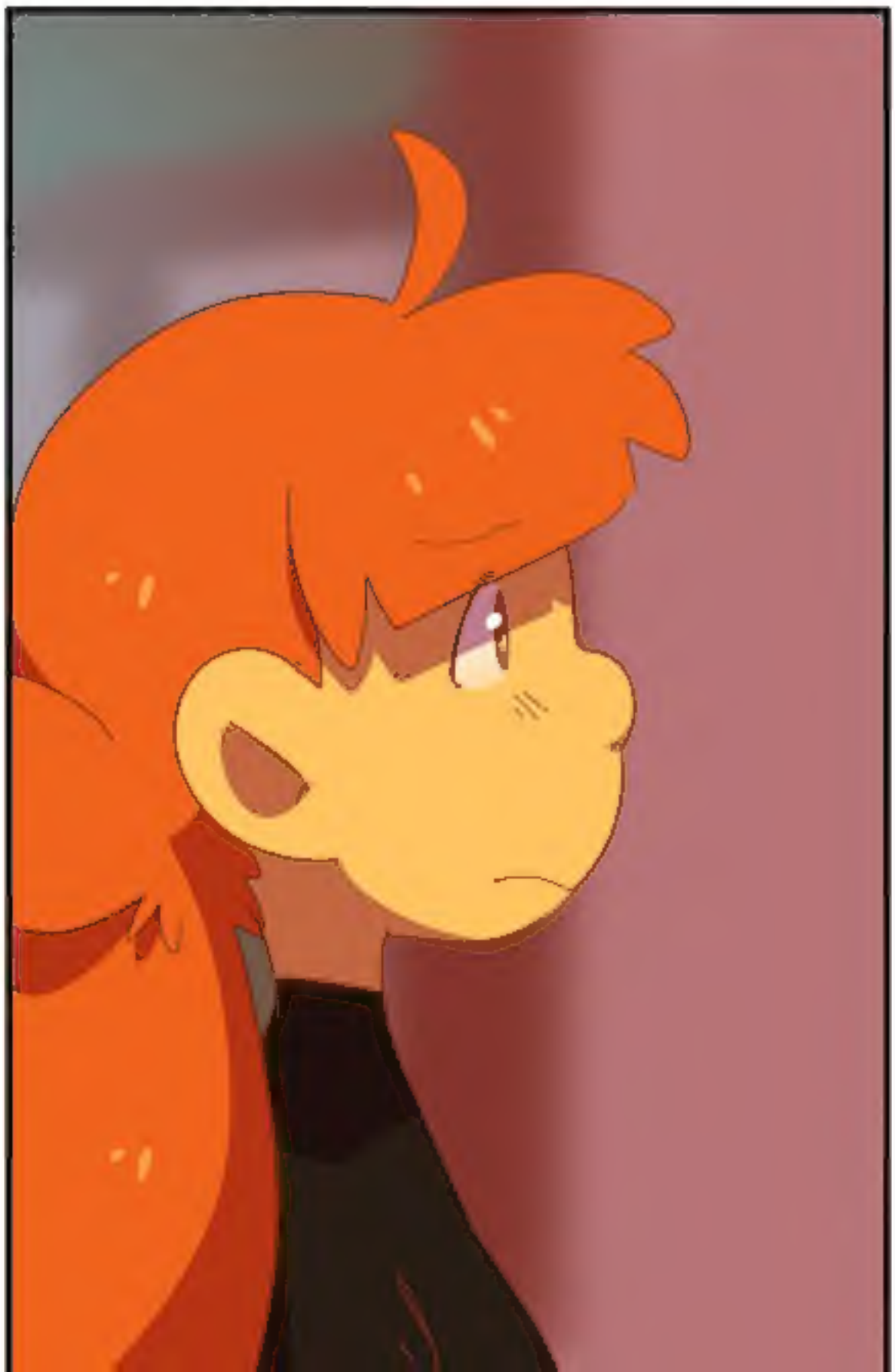


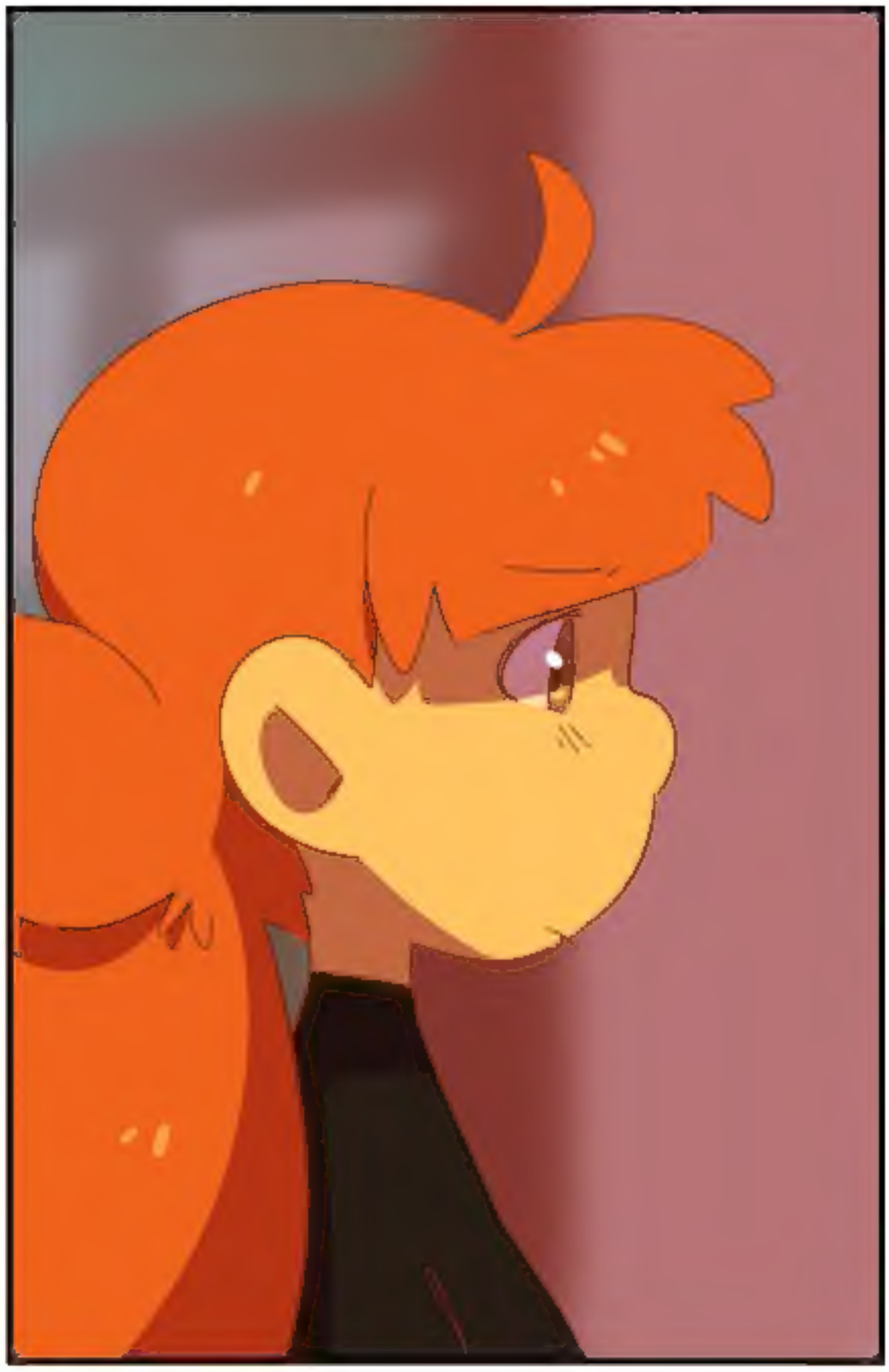
AL, ARE YOU OK?

OH, YOUR GLASSES...

EXCUSE ME, I NEED A MOMENT.







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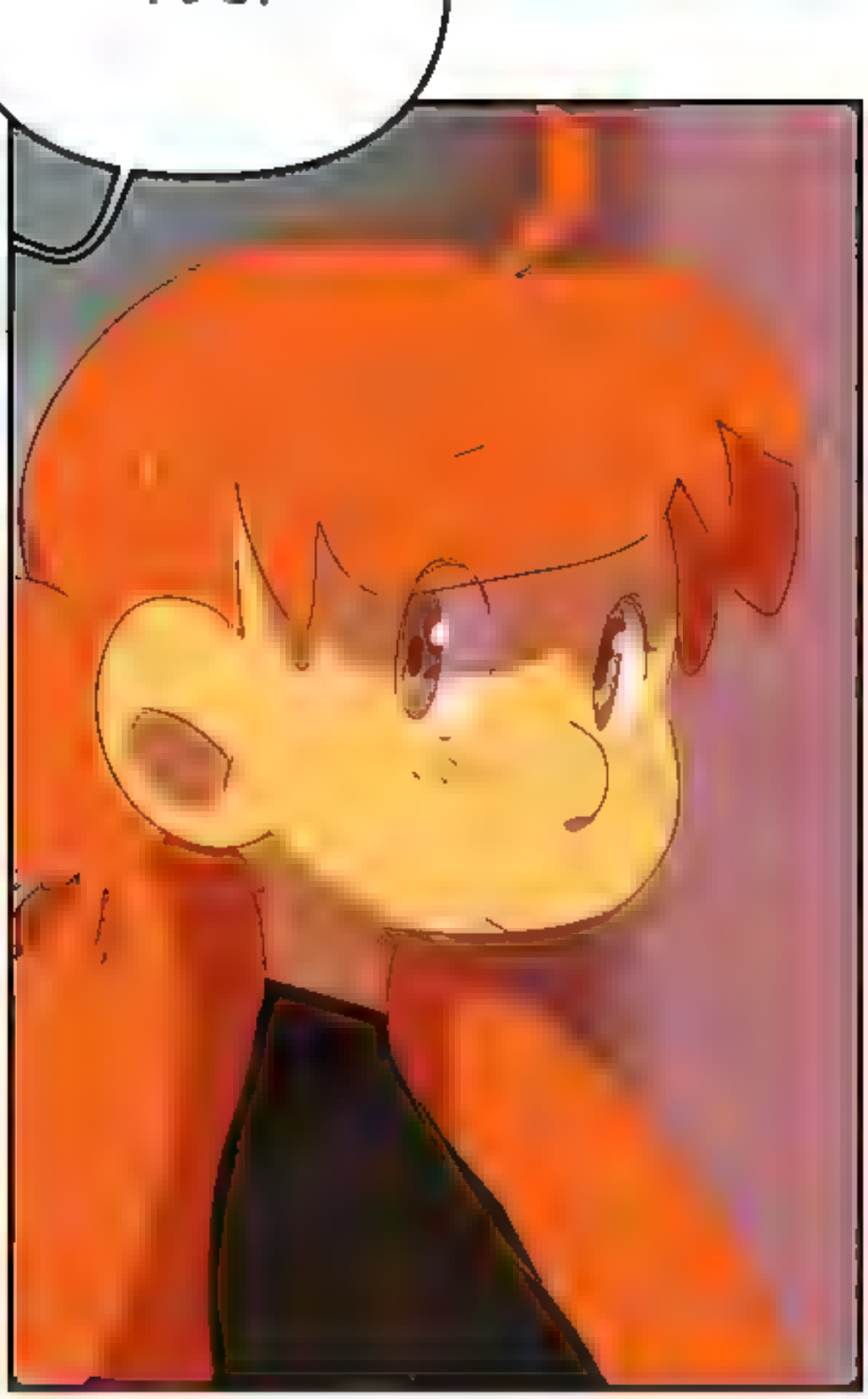
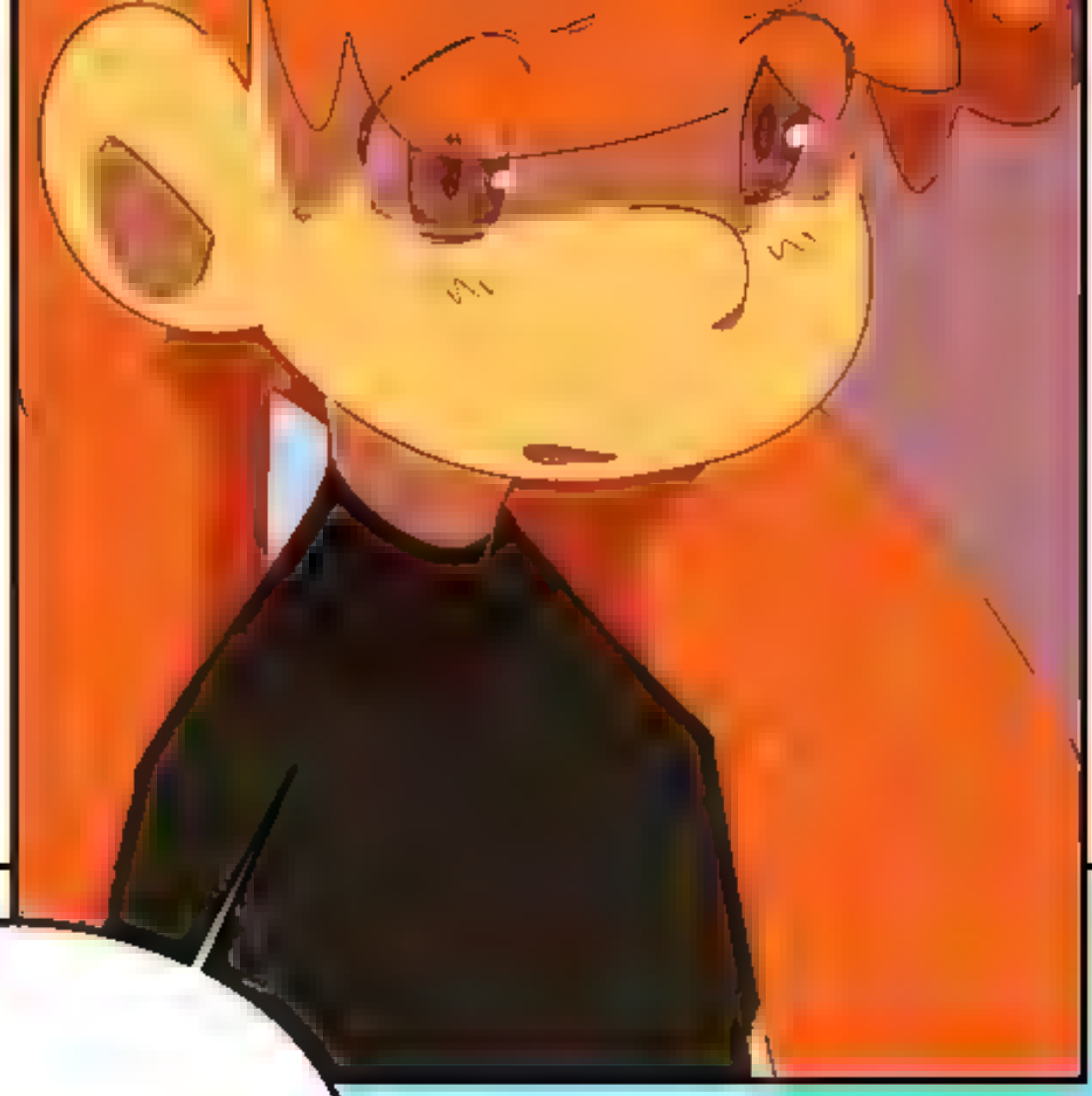


YES, YOU MAY ASK, GO AHEAD.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE WITCHES IF...

IF THEY ACCOMPLISH THEIR TASK?



WOULD THEY GO AWAY?

WOULD THEY DISAPPEAR?

WOULD THEY KEEP CRAVING

GLOOM?

I'M SORRY,

I KNOW THIS WOULD BE A SCENARIO IN WHICH YOUR SON-

I HAVE
NO ANSWER
TO THAT,

I APOLOGIZE.

AND DON'T WORRY.

I KNOW IT'S ALL VERY COMPLICATED.

YOU HAVE THOSE SAME MAGICAL EYES CRICKET HAS, DON'T YOU?

CAN YOU TELL WHAT'S IN HIS MIND?

WHAT

ARE HIS INTENTIONS?

I CAN'T.

HE'S ACTUALLY THE ONLY ONE I CAN'T SEE.

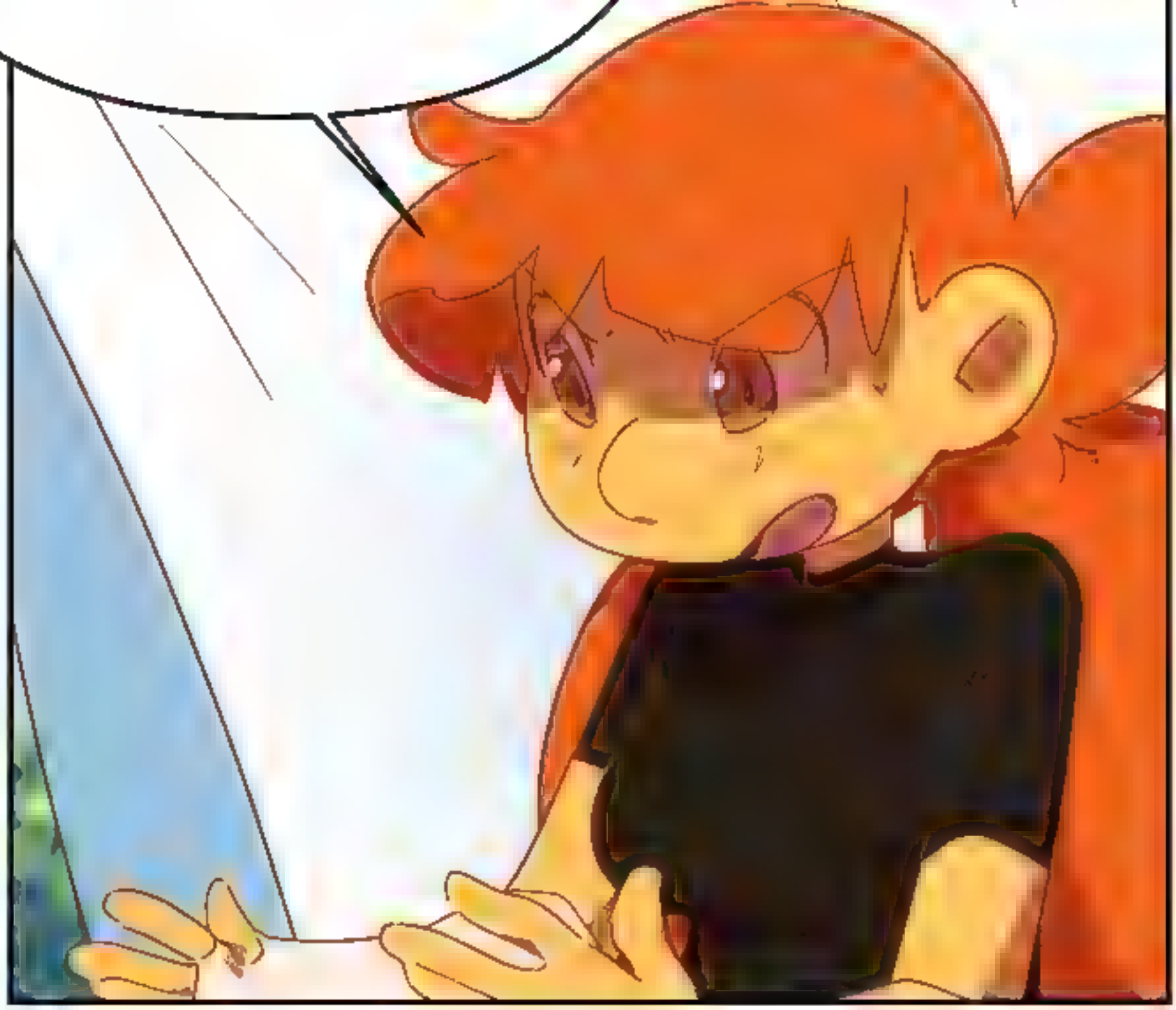
HE SAID A BUNCH OF MEAN THINGS TO LINA THE OTHER DAY.

AND THEN HE COMES TO TALK TO ME AND TELLS ME I'M HIS BEST

FRIEND AND THAT HE CARES ABOUT HER?

I STILL DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE LINA IS!

DOES HE EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE SHE'S SAFE AT HOME AND SHE HASN'T GOT BACK TO ME?



BUT YOU

DO BELIEVE HIM.

YOU JUST DON'T *WANT* TO BELIEVE HIM.

IT'S EASY
TO GET THOSE
TWO FEELINGS
MIXED UP.

YOU OK?

YEAH.

I--

I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SEE EMOTIONS LIKE THEY DO, BUT...

I DON'T NEED TO SEE THAT TO KNOW HE TOLD YOU THE TRUTH.

HE'S NOT THE KIND OF PERSON TO GO AROUND TALKING ABOUT HOW DIFFICULT THINGS HAVE BEEN FOR HIM, BUT...

THEY REALLY HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT.

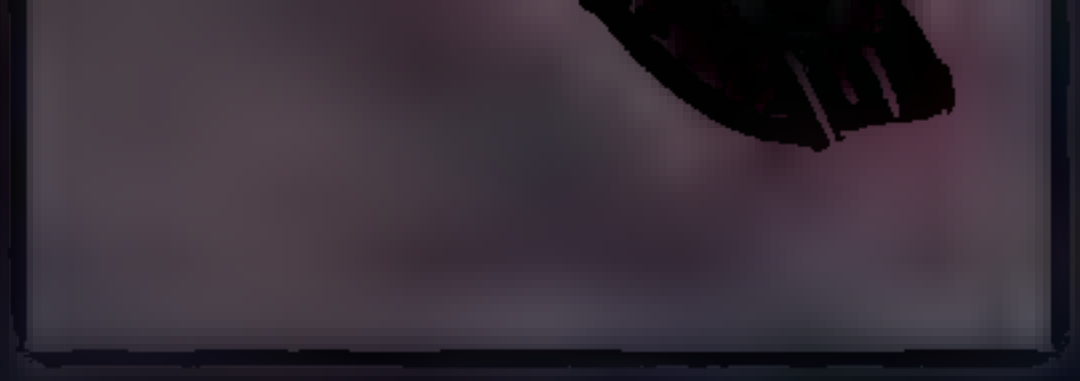
AS SOON AS

PEOPLE FOUND OUT THEY COULD USE GLOOM,

THEY STARTED CHASING HIM AND PROVOKING HIM,

EVEN WAY
BEFORE THE
WITCHES CAME
AROUND.

HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO CONTROL HIMSELF BACK THEN AND MANY TERRIBLE THINGS HAPPENED.

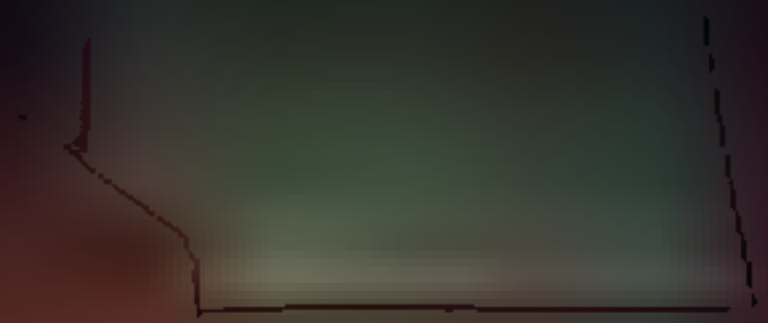


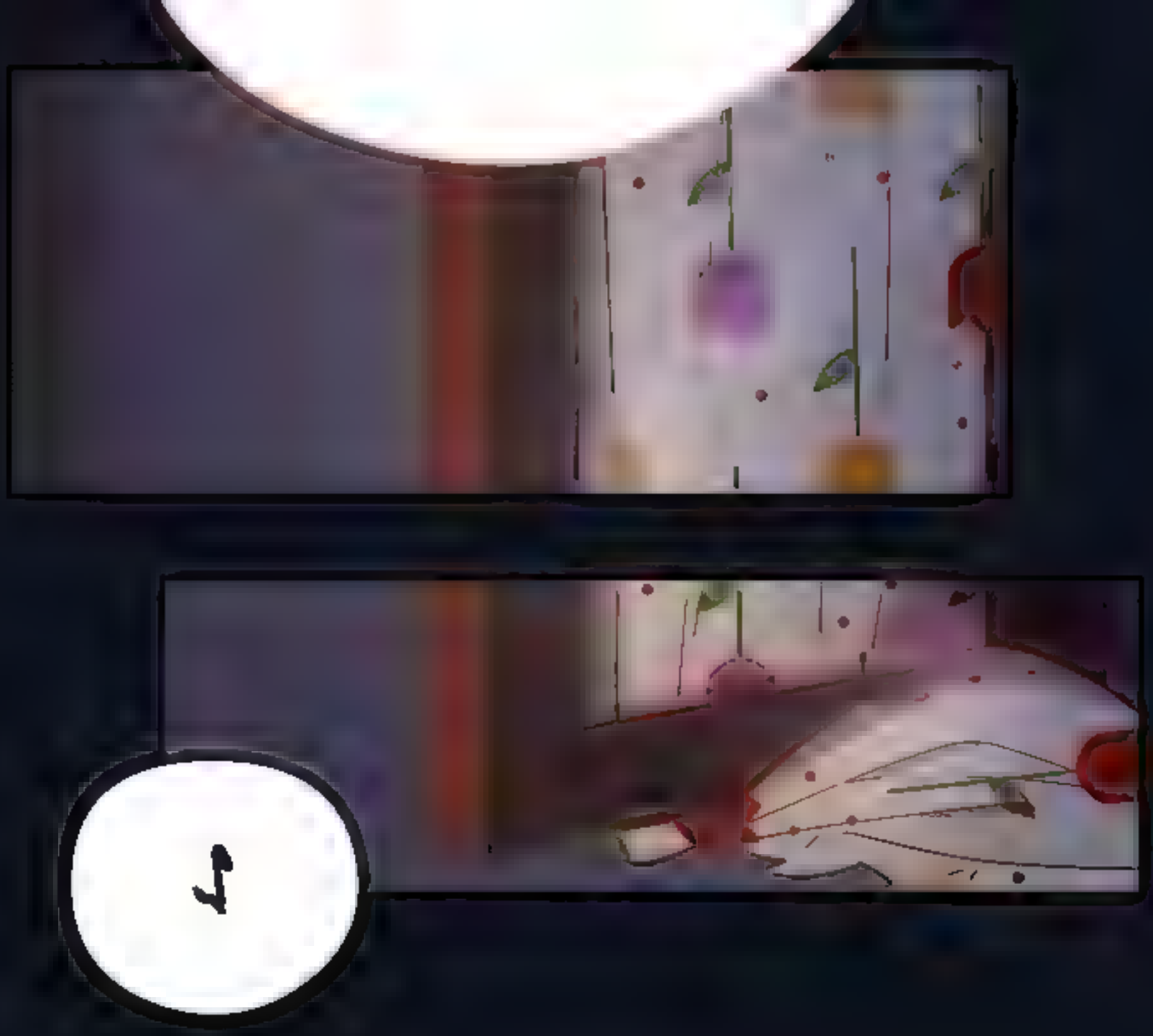
HEY, LITTLE CRICKET,

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR DINN--

OH, DEAR! WHAT HAPPENED!?

THEY WERE BEING MEAN.





FROM THE START I NOTICED MUSIC CALMED HIM IN A SPECIAL WAY,

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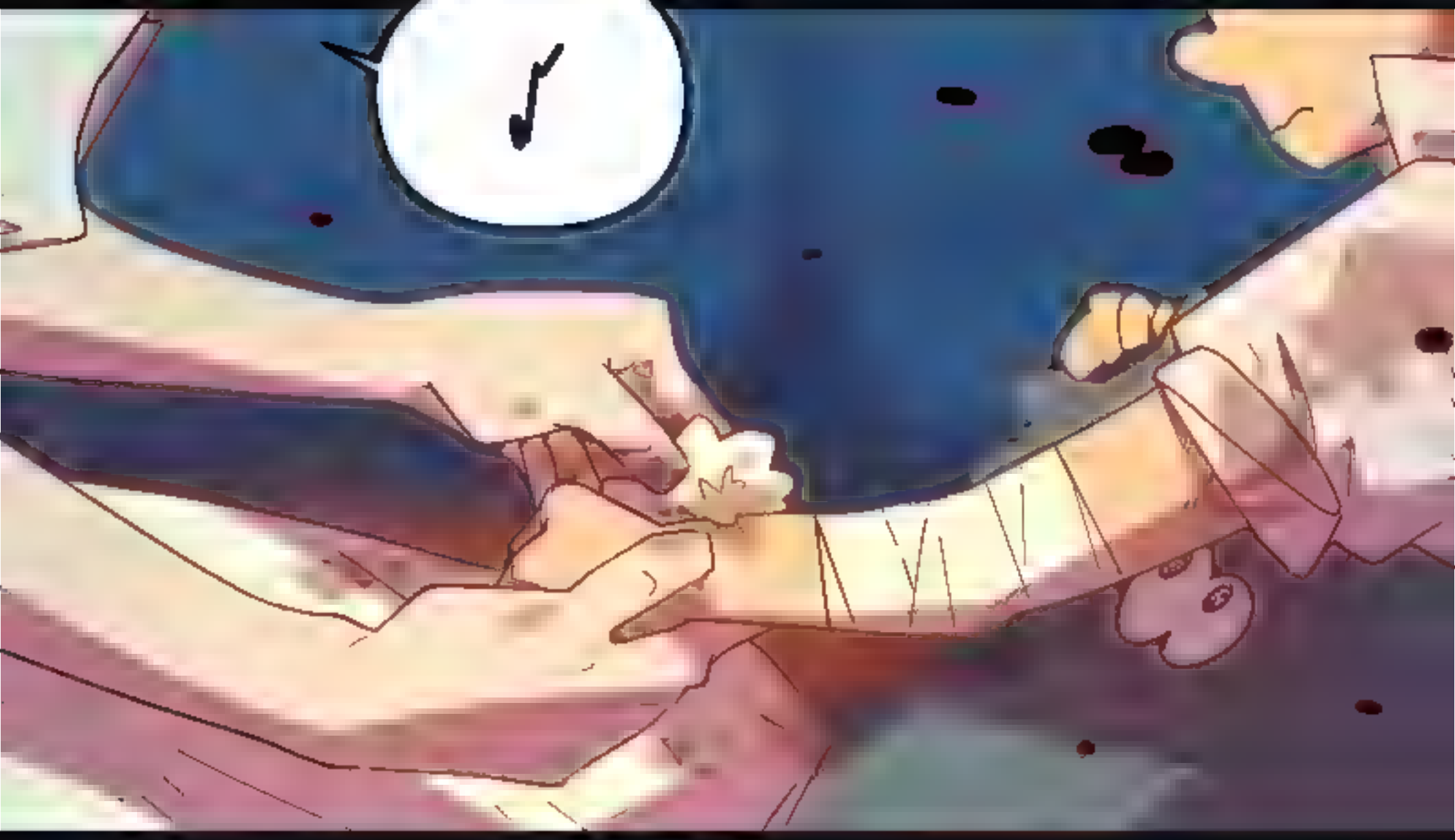

SO I TRIED SINGING TO HIM

WHENEVER THINGS GOT SCARY.

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MOM,

MHM?

WHO'S THAT?

?

AND
THEN THEY
APPEARED.

THE
WITCHES.

HUM...
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